

EMBSAY WITH EASTBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th October 2024, 7:30pm at the Village Institute.

PRESENT: Chair: Cllr Judith Benjamin, Cllrs Vince Smith, Brian Shuttleworth, Stella Kirkbride. Paul Peppiate, Andrew Ayrton, C. Cllr Noland

Also, in Attendance: The Parish Clerk

Members of the Public: 5

Welcome: Chair welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Briggs, Cllr Hill
2. **DECLARATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS:** None
3. **APPLICATION FOR ANY DISPENSATIONS:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was held on the 11th September 2024. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated previously.

VS. BS. Approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING - NONE

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - questions raised:**

5.1 Has there been any further information or progress on the proposed football pitch on Wooler site?

5.2 Why is NYC not asking for proposed 'green spaces' to be in place before developers start on the house buildings?

The parishioner commented that in his view – and particularly in Embsay this would guarantee that the contract would be honoured. Other developments have met this obligation for example. Bellway Clifford Gardens on Carlton Road whilst Woolers and Candelisa have not. NYC need to seriously look at this.

Where has the £139k been spent if not in the parish? Things like zebra crossings outside the paper shop and the recreation ground to allow children to cross the roads safely, should be considered. PC responded to say that the 106 money is designated to stay within the parish – but the chair did stress that NY as the control and decisions are out of the PC's hands – despite any recommendations it may make.

5.3 Parishioner raised issue that the school buses to Skipton have been withdrawn – and asked about an additional early morning service provision. Clerk advised that this was driven by the bus companies and viability. Chair advised that transport issues had been raised on a number of occasions with NY with no successful outcome to date.

6. **REPORT COUNTY COUNCILLOR NOLAND: C Councillor Noland response to questions raised:**

- Woolers are preparing a pitch for the club as per their discharge condition dated January 2023. There is no further information about the site as yet, as legal discussions are still ongoing.
- The Agreements pitches were negotiated by an officer of Craven District Council who has now left, and the NYC have not felt it necessary to enforce that agreement.
- Ref Candelisa: the contribution has been agreed (circa £139k) and 'the planning enforcement service is continuing to pursue compliance' with the condition. To that end, discussions are ongoing between the NY Council's and the applicant's legal team. Once the contribution is received, allocations will be managed by the new commuted sums team and be similar to the amounts notified to the PC in April. Chair reiterated that the PC has continued to press for a conclusion – but has no involvement in decision outcomes.

Questions raised from September meeting. C. Cllr Noland to respond to:

- Unfinished Road Surfaces – Shires Lane. - The road surface on Shires Lane - Update from NYC Area5 Highways: "Shires Lane is not on the forward programme for surfacing, neither are the developers down to fully resurface the road. There are however some remedial works as part of the Candelisa Section 278 works still to be done and tie in works at the junctions, we are chasing for a start date so I will let you know as soon as I am able to do so." "Shires Lane is subject to a quarterly safety audit - last done July and due next week (Oct 14-19). If the Highways Officer identifies any

defects that meet the intervention criteria, he will organise for temporary repairs to ensure the safety of the travelling public is not compromised.”

The Parish Council requested that all known accidents are reported

- Request for Update on YDNP housing proposal Brackenley Lane. – The report from YDNPA Planning Consultations 6 and 7 is that the sites identified in Embsay will not go ahead, but there could be a possibility later if the Duke of Devonshire contests this with regards to a small farm site.
- 106 monies distribution dates. – No further information
- Waste/Recycling bins consultation – NYC have decided to issue new 180lt bins to separate card/paper from other materials. This will make four in total – although there is provision to request smaller sized bins or neighbour share. This system has worked successfully in the Selby area.
- NYC Boundary Consultation in October. Hopefully, nothing will change.
- Cycle parking stand for the Village Institute to be applied for by VI Committee under Locality Budget.
- Kirk Lane -Recent work by National PowerGrid delayed due to wrong size pipes being used.
- November commemoration ceremony. Cllr Noland will represent NYC.

Cllr Smith advised members of the public to voice their concerns to high-ranking officers within NYC. Past experience has shown that members of the voting public get a quicker response than the Parish Councils.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

7.1 Planning Updates – Circulated Recommendations: - (Pending since last meeting).

ZA24/26215/FUL NYC CRAVENWOOD EMB SAY CHANGE USE RETENTION LAND 2X SHEPHERDS HUT/HOL ACCOM OBJECTION

C/26/792 YDNP 25 BRACKENLEY DRIVE REPLACE FLAT ROOF WITH PITCHED ROOF NO OBJECTION

C/26/251V YDNP 37 PASTURE ROAD ERECTION OF GARDEN OFFICE UNDER REVIEW

C/26/649C YDNP LOW SAWLEY EXTEND ROOF LINE OVER GARAGE, REMOVE CHIMNEY STACK UNDER REVIEW

ZA24/26354/TPO NYC 3 Laurel Close, Embsay T2 SYCAMORE CROWN LIFT NO OBJECTION

ZA24/26298/TCA NYC 3 Laurel Close, Embsay T1 MAPLE REMOVE T3 WILLOW REMOVE NO OBJECTION

ZA24/26353/HH NYC MANBY HOUSE SINGLE STORY REAR EXTENSION & FIRST FLOOR INFILL EXTENSION UNDER REVIEW

A Pre- Application communication was received from a resident. The applicant’s willingness to amend the application to take in the views of the Parish Council is formally recognised as good practice and advisable to help speed the planning process.

7.2 The Chair informed the meeting that the Parish Council intended to write letters of complaint to NYC inc Planning and Highways to highlight the following:

- Lack of communication and consultation.
- Concerns on roof garden on East Lane – following complaints.
- Unacceptable delays in answering requests for information leading to issues for the working parties and the Clerk.

8. REPORTS FROM LEAD MEMBERS, COUNCIL WORKING PARTIES & OUTSIDE BODIES

8.1 Village Maintenance – JLB points raised:

- Donated Bench Request Pasture Road – Ongoing - Advertise for future doners / relocation of existing benches **JLB & PP to Action**
- Volunteers needed to clear Ivy from Dalacres Bus Shelter. **JLB to Action**
- Dog Waste bin at Bond Croft has now been supplied by resident. Clerk is still awaiting a response from NYC Waste Management to agree to empty an official bin if purchased.
- Reservoir dog waste enquiry -awaiting reply form volunteer. Cllr Smith reported that the Sailing Club had no issues at present – other than a large number of bins at the entrance from the outlying farms.

8.2 Road Safety/ Speed-watch – VS/DH – Speed watch – Report Circulated

Cllr Kirkbride asked why the current sites were placed as they are – Cllr Smith responded that these are determined by the Traffic Bureau but there are additional possible sites on Brackenley Lane / Kirk Lane and Main Street.

Road Safety - Nothing to Report. – Still waiting for Area 5 Engineer report on 20mph application following survey done in March 2024. Cllr Smith indicated that he felt that an erroneous calculation had been used and he would further this up with Highways. **VS and Clerk to action**

- Street Lighting on Shires Lane issue to be investigated. **SK/Clerk to Action**

8.3 Recreation Ground – The Friends of the Recreation Ground Charity have now met with 3 trustees but one still needs to be replaced asap. **Resolved**

- Recreation ground trees, overhanging roadside / phone wires: **Resolved**
- BS had reported that the door latch on the Black bin in the recreation ground was broken. **Resolved**
- Damage to edging around the train to be investigated. **JLB to Action**

8.4 Village Institute/ Fair Trade –Village Institute – Nothing to report.

- Litter Pick organised the 28th September - the PC wish to express its thanks to all volunteers who took part.

8.5 Car Park – The Clerk reported that the line marking has now been completed. **Resolved**

8.6 Communications – Nothing to report - the process of installing the new.gov.uk emails for Cllrs is still ongoing. **PP to Action**

8.7 Allotments – Resident’s Complaint to NYC Environmental Health forwarded to the Clerk has now been addressed by the Allotment Committee. Letters have been sent to all allotment tenants to advise that lighting bonfires on the allotment is a breach of their agreement. Parishioner query raised about agreements to be passed back to the allotment committee **Resolved**

8.8 Nature Reserve – Nothing to report.

9. REPORT OF THE PARISH CLERK (Clerk Admin report circulated)

9.1 External Audit Report Completed with No advisory issues.

- PCSO – Email response to invitation to attend a PC meeting. The Clerk has been advised that PCSO is not available until March 2025.
- A relative has requested the return of a dedication plaque (previously in the Recreation Ground) and this was approved **JLB to action.**

10. PC ADMINISTRATION (Proposals)

10.1 Embsay Entrance Project – full plan and costings to be presented and discussed. Owing to the financial/budget implications the proposal was divided into two halves.

Landscaping at £1200

Proposed PP Seconded AA All Agreed

New Signage to be discussed and presented at November’s PC meeting.

Cllr Peppiate, Cllr Hill, Cllr Kirkbride to Action

POLICIES & PROCEDURES REVIEWS – NONE

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS (Detailed Invoices approved for payment circulated)

*The Council has met its employment contract obligations in terms of paying the clerk for hours worked and has dealt with liabilities such as NI and Tax. The Parish Council supported the clerk in her decision not to publish her salary on a monthly basis – having sought guidance from YALC following the auditor’s suggestion to do so.

Other monthly Invoices & Bank Reconciliation for **September**

Approved & Signed

12.1 First Draft Budget Discussion – The Clerk distributed the first draft of proposed 25/26 Budget showing the previous year’s predicted Precept and Income of **£34400** and the actual/ predicted spend to **March 2025 of £40400**. Suggested a Precept for **2025/26 of £35000**. Cllrs were asked to look at these figures and request any amendments prior to November’s PC Meeting. Deadline for NYC is December 2024.

13. Items for discussion:

- Remembrance Service Parade – A quote from Traffic Management Company to comply with NYC Highways Road Closure Notice had been obtained by the Clerk. **(£1386.00)** The PC did not feel this to be an appropriate use of the public funds for a 45min event. Alternatives would be discussed.
- Christmas Tree lights – Cllr Kirkbride had discussed with resident that lights needed replacement. Cllr Shuttleworth agreed and had been approached by Landlady of The Elm Tree with an offer to remove the existing lights and install new ones by a qualified electrician - free of charge. The Clerk asked for a full breakdown of costs and a proposal for next meeting with a maximum spend budget of £200. **BS to Action**
A vote was then taken on the colour of the New Lights 3 for Multi Coloured 2 for White 1 Abstained. **Resolved**
- Autumn/ Winter Meeting times deferred to November Meeting.

Meeting closed at: - 9:15pm

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 13th November 2024 7.30 PM Methodist Chapel Main Street Embsay. Contact Parish Clerk: Gillian Alcock [Tel:07414850766](tel:07414850766) - Email: clerk@embsayeastby-pc.gov.uk

Signature..... Date.....13/11/2024.....